Hepatitis drops to Children

59. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children to whom Hepatitis 'A', 'B', 'C' etc. drops have been given on the pulse polio pattern in the different parts of the country during the last three years, till-date, state-wise; and

(b) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Government of India have introduced Hepatitis B vaccine for infants under the Universal Immunization Programme on pilot basis in slum areas of 15 metropolitan cities during 2002-03 and 32 districts during 2003-04. Details of the cities and districts covered and the target children are annexed as statement (*See* below). Based on the experience gained from the pilot, further expansion of the programme during the Tenth Plan period will be considered. There is no proposal to introduce Hepatitis A & C in the Universal Immunization Programme. Introduction of Hepatitis B vaccine has been considered as this function is more fatal than Hepatitis A & C infections.

Statement

Metropolitan cities (slum areas) and Districts covered under the pilot project for the introduction of Hepatitis B vaccine under Universal Immunization Programme

Metropolitan cities	Target Infants	Districts	Target Infants
Greater Mumbai	118361	Madurai	75110
Kolkata	78685	Nilgiri	15483
Chennai	36014	Virudhnagar	68908
Delhi	57641	Ramanathapuram	24814
Hyderabad	22809	Alapuzzha	39009
Bangalore	13498	Ernakulam	54366

Metropolitan cities	Target Infants	Districts	Target Infants
Ahmedabad	16330	Pathammithan	37376
Kanpur	10731	Kodagu	48404
Pune	9433	Shimoga	47231
Lucknow	8218	Mysore	42645
Vadodra	63458	Chittoor	67759
Jaipur	8060	Vizianagaram	45253
Indore	46287	Goa	9038
Patna	4016	Ratnagiri	36012
Bhopal	55782	Chandrapur	28966
		Satara	42508
		Balaghat	21210
		Sundergarh	36861
		Rupnagar	21984
		Hoshiarpur	34226
		Panchkula	12796
		Ambala	31913
		Hamirpur	10380
		Solan	18566
		Nainital	25309
		Pondicherry	19606
		Lakshdweep	19280
		Jorhat	29073
		Sibsagar	25400
		Rajouri	30328
		Udhampur	25450
		Surat	19600
TOTAL	549321		1055018
GRAND TOTAL		16,09,833	